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11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
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14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) No.: CR 15-00319 RS  
15 )  
16 v. ) NOTICE OF RELATED CASES AND  
17 ) [PROPOSED] ORDER  
CARL FORCE, and )  
18 SHAUN W. BRIDGES, ) Court: Honorable Richard Seeborg  
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20 Defendants. )  
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22 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) No.: CR 17-00448 SI  
23 )  
24 v. ) Court: Honorable Susan Illston  
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SHAUN W. BRIDGES, )  
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27 Defendant. )  
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2 The United States of America, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, hereby notifies the Court  
3 that the more recent criminal case, No. CR-17-0448 SI, is related to CR-15-0319 RS, under the Local  
4 Rule.

5 The more recent case against Shaun W. Bridges, No. CR-17-0448 RS, alleges that Bridges  
6 committed money laundering through use of the digital currency Bitcoin after stealing the Bitcoin  
7 from the United States government. It is alleged that Bridges committed this crime during the  
8 pendency of the charges of money laundering and obstruction in case No. CR-15-0319 RS. The  
9 defendants in case No. CR-15-0319 RS, Carl Force and Shaun Bridges were charged with laundering  
10 Bitcoin that they obtained through fraud and theft while serving as Special Agents with DEA and the  
11 Secret Service respectively. It is also alleged that, among the Bitcoin stolen and laundered by  
12 defendant Bridges in the most recent case were Bitcoin Based upon these facts, the more recent case  
13 could be deemed to be related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(1) as they involve some of  
14 the same alleged factual events and occurrences.

15 Additionally, the government believes that the new case against Bridges may involve additional  
16 costs or expenditure of resources if it remains with the Honorable Judge Illston, since Judge Seeborg has  
17 already been familiarized with the defendant, individuals, currencies, and concepts involved in the new  
18 case.  
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20 Given the foregoing, the government hereby provides notice to the Court that these cases should be  
21 related to the earlier Judge, Judge Seeborg.

22 Dated: August 14, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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25 /s/  
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1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that for good cause shown, the newer case against defendant  
2 Bridges, CR-17-0448 SI is ordered related to the earlier case of CR-15-0319 RS.  
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4 SO ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2017.

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6 HON. RICHARD SEEBORG/SUSAN ILLSTON  
7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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